



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
[www.uspto.gov](http://www.uspto.gov)

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/808,395	03/14/2001	K. Theodor Krantz	05918-117001	3672

26161 7590 06/17/2003

FISH & RICHARDSON PC  
225 FRANKLIN ST  
BOSTON, MA 02110

[REDACTED] EXAMINER

BRITTAINE, JAMES R

[REDACTED] ART UNIT [REDACTED] PAPER NUMBER

3677

DATE MAILED: 06/17/2003

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on March 24, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant elects the invention of Group IV, methods of making hook material and further elects the "species" comprising figures 28-28F and 30-34 which is a combination group identified in the restriction as a composite including loop defining material and loop-engaging hooks comprising Group VI(2). Applicant has elected the method of making this combination group. However, this is not a sufficiently detailed election and is therefore nonresponsive. As indicated in the restriction requirement mailed September 17, 2002, "**if applicant chooses to elect a method of making hook material with loop material then applicant must elect one group as defined above from each subcombination (I, III), consistent with the disclosure providing written description of those subcombinations groups being used in the elected combination**" (page 8, lines 8-12 of the restriction requirement). The groups I and III are set forth in pages 6 and 7 of the restriction requirement where the Arabic numerals in parentheses (1), (3) set forth the corresponding subcombinations groups comprising hook fastener product and hook engageable loop material, respectively. Applicant has not elected a particular subcombination hook material and a particular subcombination of hook engageable loop material consistent with the disclosure providing written description of the subcombination groups being used in the elected combination of figures 28-28F and 30-34. Since applicant has failed to elect the subcombinations as required by the restriction requirement, the election is nonresponsive and must be amended by further detail. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the

Art Unit: 3677

above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

**EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James R. Brittain whose telephone number is 703-308-2222. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W & F 5:30-1:30, T 5:30-2:00 & TH 5:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9326 for regular communications and 703-872-9327 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1113.



James R. Brittain  
Primary Examiner  
Art Unit 3677

JRB  
June 16, 2003